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1. IN THE COURSE OF YOUR REVIEW WITH VENEZUELAN OF
ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US AND FORTHCOMING COLOMBO SUMMIT, WE
SUGGEST THAT YOU POINT OUT THAT VENEZUELA WILL BE IN A
POSITION IN COLOMBO TO COUNSEL CAUTION AND RESTRAINT ON THE
PANAMANIAN IN PURSUIT OF THE CANAL ISSUE. YOU MIGHT IN
THAT CONNECTION DRAW ON SOME OF THE ARGUMENTATION PREPARED
FOR GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S USE WITH FONMIN BOYD (SEE REFTTEL).

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT WE RECEIVED A NOTE FROM
THE BOLIVIAN EMBASSY THAT IN VIEW OF THE VENEZUELAN CANDI-
DACY FOR ELECTION TO THE SC AT THE 31ST GA, BOLIVIA HAS
DECIDED TO POSTPONE ITS SC CANDIDACY UNTIL THE 32ND GA. TO
BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS LEAVES VENEZUELA AS ONLY LA

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CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED GUYANA TO ONLY LA SC SEAT BECOMING

VACANT AT END OF THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF LA GROUP ENDORSEMENT OF VENEZUELAN CANDIDACY. ACCORDINGLY, IF QUESTION SHOULD COME UP, YOU MAY WISH TO INDICATE THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SUPPORT VENEZUELA CANDIDACY AT SUCH TIME AS THEY RECEIVE THE LA GROUP ENDORSEMENT. HABIB

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